From:	Huff, Janet
To:	jean_kvasnicak@fws.gov
Cc:	Laverna Chavez; Rachel Rosen; Seth Willey; Susan Oetker; Shawn Sartorius
Subject:	Fwd: agreement for Texas hornshell in Mexico
Date:	Wednesday, August 23, 2017 10:44:57 AM
Attachments:	TXHS Mexico NOFO CFDA 15.678.docx Mexico Proposal_Aug17.docx

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Hello Jean,

I am forwarding you the email that Seth Willey, Deputy ARD for ES (cc'd on this email) has submitted for guidance on getting approval for this request. Per our earlier conversation you said you would need to know the recipient, the amount and the purpose of the agreement. The attached documents provide that information.

Recipient - Texas A&M AgriLife Research at Texas A&M University
Amount - $140.000
Purpose - The purpose of this agreement is to provide support and assistance to Texas A&M AgriLife Research at Texas A&M University to conduct original research investigations into the population genetics, distribution and abundance of populations of Texas Hornshell in Mexican Gulf Coast drainages. The recipient will provide detailed information collected through this agreement to the Service for use in the listing decision and for future updates of the Species Status Assessment for Texas Hornshell.

We appreciate your assistance.

Thank you

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From: **Willey, Seth** <seth_willey@fws.gov>
Date: Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 10:11 AM
Subject: Re: agreement for Texas hornshell in Mexico
To: Gina Shultz <Gina_Shultz@fws.gov>, Rachel Hansen <rachel_hansen@fws.gov>
Cc: Susan Oetker <susan_oetker@fws.gov>, Janet Huff <janet_huff@fws.gov>, Susan Jacobsen <susan_jacobsen@fws.gov>, "Sartorius, Shawn" <shawn_sartorius@fws.gov>

Hey Gina,

Wanted to give you an update on roadblocks we're hitting in contracting for Hornshell work on Mexican populations.

We've got the researchers ready to go but DOI approval needed as it exceeds $100K (see attachments). And we've been advised that need special permission to send a late package (or wait a month, which we can hardly afford to do given the timeline). HQ contracting folks are ready to help, thank you Rachel (cc'd), but they've never done a late package and need instructions from Director's corridor on their preferred process.

I have a call into Charisa (left her a voicemessage this morning), hoping she can help us navigate this process. I would welcome your input on solutions.

Thanks,
Seth

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On Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 8:28 AM, Sartorius, Shawn <shawn_sartorius@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Seth, here is the Notice of Funding Opportunity and Proposal for the hornshell work if needed for discussions with Gina.
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> ---------- Forwarded message ----------
> From: **Huff, Janet** <janet_huff@fws.gov>
> Date: Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 8:18 AM
> Subject: Re: agreement for Texas hornshell in Mexico
> To: "Oetker, Susan" <susan_oetker@fws.gov>
> Cc: Shawn Sartorius <shawn_sartorius@fws.gov>, Laverna Chavez <laverna_chavez@fws.gov>
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> Hello Susan,
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> At this point I would say no don"t enter this request on the spreadsheet we need to wait until we receive permission to move it forward. Then we will have to work with Rachel Hansen at HQ to receive guidance on how to submit it for review. That is a process only HQ can do. So as soon as we receive written permission from the Director's Office we need to contact Rachel.
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> The only thing I need from you at this point is the NOFO and the proposal to review. We can wait until we receive approval to submit the late package to move ahead with the other required documents.
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> Thanks,
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> Janet Y. Huff

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On Wed, Aug 23, 2017 at 7:00 AM, Oetker, Susan <susan_oetker@fws.gov> wrote:

> Thanks, Janet. You'll be seeing an email from Shawn in a minute- we'll be looking for permission to send this up separately. In the meantime, I'd like to be sure I have my ducks in a row for when/if we get the go ahead to submit. Right now I have the proposal, the NOFO, and the 3-2452 ready. Do I need anything else? Would you like to review those in the meantime?
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> I presume I do not enter this into the spreadsheet right now- is that correct? I can enter it today if I'm mistaken.
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> Thanks so much for your help and guidance.
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> Susan
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> On Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 5:11 PM, Huff, Janet <janet_huff@fws.gov> wrote:
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>> Hello Everyone,
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>> I just received an email from Rachel Hansen at HQ and the deadline for submission to DOI/OS for awards $100K and above for this FY was moved up and it was 8/14. So, unfortunately we have missed the deadline for awarding this year but, this is the guidance she provided if we want to pursue an award this FY;
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>> - If there are awards that the program wishes to have reviewed before the end of the FY that didn't make it onto our list in time, they will need to work through their HQ chain of command to get permission from the Director's office to send a separate package. Once permission is granted they/you would need to work through our office to finalize the package. Or you can hold them until our next package which will be submitted in September for review in October. We will be sending information through the listserv about listing awards for that package soon.
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>> Please advise if you want to take this route or if you want to go with less than $100K.
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>> Thank you,
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>> Janet Y. Huff
>> Grants Management Specialist

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On Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 1:44 PM, Huff, Janet <janet_huff@fws.gov> wrote:

Susan,

The Prism number for this request is F17AC01008. Please use this number on the spreadsheet and any documents you will be submitting to process this Cooperative Agreement.

Thanks

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On Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 12:35 PM, Oetker, Susan <susan_oetker@fws.gov> wrote:

Thank you Janet. Attached is the draft NOFO, which we discussed has the information you need to get that PRISM number.

Susan

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On Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 2:32 PM, Huff, Janet <janet_huff@fws.gov> wrote:

Hello Susan and Shawn,

I have attached the DOI/OS guidance for anticipated awards of $100K or more. The first thing that has to happen is the request must be submitted on the spreadsheet NLT 8/24. The guidance has the specific information that must be entered on the spreadsheet. You will need to get a PRISM number from me but there is some information I will need from you in order to get that number for you to put on the spreadsheet. So please send me your draft information.

Once that is completed you will need to work on the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) to be posted at grants.gov. Since this is a Single/Sole Source you will need to complete the FWS 3-2452.

These are the first steps that must be completed as soon as possible. We can work on the rest while the request is being reviewed. Let me know if you have questions along the way.

Thank you,

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On Tue, Aug 22, 2017 at 7:20 AM, Oetker, Susan <susan_oetker@fws.gov> wrote:

> Hi Janet-
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> Good morning! I believe you and Shawn discussed the development of a cooperative agreement with Texas A&M. Do you mind giving me a call at your convenience? I'd like to discuss what I need to do to get this done. I have Chris Harper's paperwork for the East Texas mussel work, and I'll be amending them for our use, but I'd like to be sure I'm on the right track and doing the right things.
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> Thanks so much.
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> Susan
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